REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-38 have been amended for clarification and to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein, and thereby conforming to U.S. practice. Claims 3-6, and 8-12 have been amended to depend from Claim 1, Claims 16-33 and 37 have been amended to depend from Claim 13 thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the Applicants' invention. In addition, all element numbers have been removed from the claims in accordance with U.S. practice. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u>, Order No. <u>4819-4752</u>. A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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